(d) by when the proposal is likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill essentially aims at consolidating and amending the existing law relating to cooperative societies with the objective of facilitating promotion, growth and development of cooperative movement in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) and (d) The draft "The Delhi Cooperative Societies Bill, 2003" was received by the Central Government in March, 2003 and approval to its introduction in the Delhi Legislative Assembly, subject to certain modifications, was conveyed to the Government of NCT of Delhi in July, 2003.

Diversion of Arms and Ammunition

*323. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arms and ammunition of the Indian army is being diverted to terrorist outfits by our own paramilitary forces; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted into this affair, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are no reports available with the Government in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Diamond-Mines

†*324. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the diamond-mines in the country; and

(b) the status of diamond-mines in the State of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Majhgawan diamond mines located in Panna District of Madhya Pradesh is the only mechanised diamond mine in the country. Some shallow mining is also carried out in Panna district. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.